

Civil servants' union demands end to 'artificially low' pay

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Nearly one civil servant in four has an income of less than £100 a week, the Civil Service Union (CSU) said yesterday as a new propaganda offensive on wages got under way in the public sector.

CSU leaders insist that the pay agreement covering more than 500,000 white-collar civil servants from April 1, 1984 must protect the low-paid, the union's general secretary, Mr. John Sheldon, said.

More than 13,000 employees in the public sector claim family income supplement, and the union argues: "For the Government to have to pay out money to its own employees in the form of means-tested benefits which it is not prepared to pay in the form of fair and decent wages is clearly both anomalous and inefficient."

'Fiddling' dispute

The Council for Civil Service Unions wants to halt the mandatory introduction of tough new measures to stop civil servants allegedly "fiddling" their travel and subsistence claims (our Labour Reporter writes).

Guard faces £26m gold charge

By Our Crime Reporter
A security officer was accused yesterday of involvement in the £26m robbery from Heathrow airport, London, last month. The man works for Brinks-Mat which owns the warehouse.

SDP defies Owen on joint selection

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter
The Social Democratic Party has defied the wishes of its leader, Dr David Owen, to allow its members to choose jointly with the Liberals an Alliance candidate in two constituencies for next June's European Parliament elections.



Masked men firing volleys over Brian Campbell's coffin at Coalisland yesterday.

IRA fires graveside volleys

Masked men fired volleys of shots over the coffins of two alleged Provisional IRA terrorists slain by the Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) and belted on top.

The coffins of both men were draped in the republic's tricolour with the men's berets and belts on top.

Neil Latimer, aged 21, and Noel Bell, aged 20, formerly full-time members of the Ulster Defence Regiment, from Armagh, were remanded in custody until next Monday when they appeared before Belfast magistrates yesterday charged with murdering Adrian Carroll, aged 24.

Government rejects Trust plea for tax concession on estate

By Hugh Clayton
The government refused last night to make a tax concession demanded by the National Trust for the Calke Abbey estate near Burton-on-Trent. Ministers decided not to alter their earlier ruling that only the mansion and the park could be accepted in place of tax even though the trust claimed that the last chance of keeping the estate intact was about to be lost.

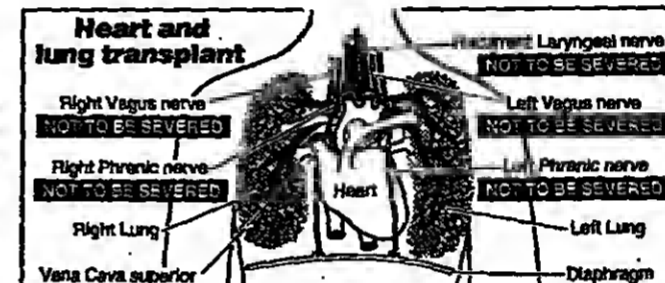
Agents for Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe, who owns the 14,400-acre estate, have begun to arrange sales of outlying land to some tenants. The estate has been owned by the same family for more than 300 years and is best known for its vast mansion where nothing has been touched since Victorian times.

Callaghan's check on honours list
By Anthony Berins
Political Correspondent
Mr Norman Atkinson, a former Labour Party treasurer, revealed yesterday that he had been asked by Mr James Callaghan, when Prime Minister, to check proposed honours lists.

Random lie tests at GCHQ
By Peter Hennessy
The use of lie-detectors, or polygraphs, to "mole-proof" Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham is to be more extensive than originally thought, it was disclosed yesterday at a conference in London on Whitehall security organized by the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

Heart-lung transplant 'a success'

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is then starved of oxygen, and there is no other treatment.



The operation cost about £20,000, which will be paid by Swedish health authorities. A further £15,000 has been raised by the people of Falun to pay Mr Lundberg's hospital expenses and for a Swedish nurse who travelled with him.

A large part of lung tissue is a thin membrane and the organ can survive outside the body for only about an hour and a half, compared with about six hours for the heart.

The question of moving a body diagnosed as brain dead to a transplant centre is one of the controversial issues. The other British heart transplant centre at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, is focusing heart-lung research on ways of preserving organs, so the donor organs would be removed not by the transplant team, but by surgeons at the hospital where the donor died.

Before his operation, walking across a room was difficult and even speaking was exhausting. The operation cost about £20,000, which will be paid by Swedish health authorities. A further £15,000 has been raised by the people of Falun to pay Mr Lundberg's hospital expenses and for a Swedish nurse who travelled with him.

Some of the risks of heart transplant surgery are avoided in a combined heart-lung operation. Major vessels transferring blood between the heart and lungs remain intact. Additional surgical work is needed for reattaching the windpipe (the trachea) and advances in surgical procedures have been important for that work.

But great care is necessary to avoid severing main nerve vessels. Interference could paralyse other parts of the body, which would halt breathing, swallowing and interfere with digestive processes.

Korchnoi loses the chance to draw

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
The sixth game of the Korchnoi-Kasparov Acorn Computer World Championship semi-final resumed in London on Monday.

Smyslov played in the massive style for which he was famous as world champion nearly 30 years ago. By the middle game he had established a Rook on the seventh rank and controlled the centre - so Ribli was under great pressure all over the board.

Chess board diagram showing the position of pieces for White (Smyslov) and Black (Ribli) on the board.

Commentary

These have been a bad six months for the Liberals and Social Democrats, and if they are not careful the coming year will be even worse.

Some of their difficulties have been inevitable: there was always bound to be a Kinross bonfire. But they have been making the worst of an awkward spell by once again parading their differences before the eyes of a critical electorate.

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Greater measure of confidence
As it is, the narrowness of the majority, especially bearing in mind that Dr David Owen himself was in the minority, was a warning that there will be no general acceptance of joint selection by the SDP.

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PM to report on UK troops in Lebanon

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The position of British troops in the Lebanon was under constant review, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House told the Commons when answering questions on behalf of the Prime Minister.

Prospects of more in work and cut in long-term jobless

EMPLOYMENT

There were encouraging signs in the unemployment situation, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Rejection of Bill on honours and political donations

PARTY FUNDS

An application by Mr Anstie Mitchell (Great Grimsby) failed to bring in a Bill to limit political donations by companies so that such donations were paid by individual shareholders.

Aid and comfort to communist friends

NUCLEAR

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, agreed with a Conservative MP that CND's call for British withdrawal from Nato would give aid and comfort to communist countries.

Committee to clarify conflict

PRIVILEGE

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, introduced a motion in the Lords for the purpose of which, he explained, was to invite the Committee for Privileges to clarify an apparent conflict between the privilege of the House and certain statutory provisions.

Nearly 300,000 join YTS

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said to the Commons he had budgeted £370m this year for the youth training scheme, but he was providing £570m for next year.

Brown: Scandalous long-term unemployment

their prices is hardly conducive to making industry more competitive? He said that unless we are more competitive, unemployment is scarcely likely to come down.

Equal pay rules applied

The Government was committed completely to the principle of equal rights for women, and the Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value Order which was approved in the House of Lords yesterday would become operative on January 1 next year.

Falklands defence policy not of Britain's choosing

HOUSE OF LORDS

Once the present rehabilitation, recovery and planning period was over, the cost of defending the Falkland Islands should be minimal, Lord Buxton of Alton (C) said when he opened a debate in the Lords in which he drew attention to the strategic importance of the Falklands and other British islands in the South Atlantic.

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Buxton: Impasse reached over sovereignty

Lord Shackleton (Lab), whose report on the Falklands was presented in September, 1982, said that land reform was crucial to the islands to provide opportunities for the young people.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Town and Country Planning Bill, second reading. Debate on the Education Bill.

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Judges criticize labour laws for 'curious result' in Dimbleby case

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The Court of Appeal dealing with a union dispute at Mr David Dimbleby's newspaper group strongly criticiz... the Government's labour laws yesterday.

Giving reasons for rejecting an appeal by the National Union of Journalists, the judges declared that the Employment Act, 1980, had produced a "curious result" in the case.

The union has been defying a High Court injunction ordering it to withdraw a strike instruction given to its members at the Richmond & Twickenham Times group in south-west London owned by Mr Dimbleby, the broadcaster.

The journalists are taking action because Mr Dimbleby decided to transfer the printing of his newspapers to the non-union TBF Printers in Nottingham.

The union argued that because the company was associated with T. Bailey Foreman, with which it has a five-year-old dispute, the strike could not be described as "secondary action" and therefore illegal.

The Court of Appeal yesterday explained that the action was secondary because the two companies were separate legal entities, and it refused leave for the union to appeal to the House of Lords. But the judges expressed strong reservations about the effect of the law.

If T. Bailey Foreman had

produced the papers on its own presses, the union's action would have been protected. However, owner of the business chose to operate through an associated company, TBF Printers, so the union did not have the protection of the law.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said some people think it odd that the union's liability should depend on what might reasonably be regarded as almost a matter of chance.

"Whether or not the union would be right so to regard the position, that appears without doubt to be the law," Sir John said.

Lord Justice Griffiths said the dispute that had blown up had nothing to do with the Dimbleby journalists' terms and conditions of employment. Neither the union nor the journalists had raised any complaint about their terms and conditions.

One union source said that employers now had only to set up numerous "ghost" companies in order to destroy the effectiveness of the whole trade union movement.

Meanwhile, in a statement yesterday, Mr Dimbleby said there would be "a pause" before he sought to take contempt of court action over the union's refusal to withdraw the strike instruction.

Such action could lead to fines and eventually sequestration of the unions funds.

Mr Dimbleby said he was "determined the injunction we won will be observed".

On Friday the union's executive meets in London and will discuss the statement and the possibility of appealing directly to the House of Lords.

Mr Dimbleby is expected to meet Mr Kenneth Ashton, NUJ general secretary, next Monday.

Picket fined

A lecturer was fined yesterday for an offence in connection with the picketing of the Messenger group in Cheshire (our Liverpool Correspondent writes).

Bruce Spencer, aged 37, of Bridge Avenue, Ormskirk, Lancashire, was arrested on Tuesday last week for obstructing the road outside the Warrington print works.

Warrington magistrates were told yesterday he threw himself in front of a van leaving the premises and then sat down in the road. He was fined £25 with £25 costs.

A Sogart '82 union worker, William Mottershead, was bailed to appear at a date to be fixed. Mr Mottershead, aged 30, of Holcombe Avenue, Bury, was remanded in his absence accused of causing an obstruction.

A further 21 men, all arrested on the picket line, were remanded on bail.

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Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, and one of the organizers of the annual art exhibition by MPs, with Sir William Rees-Mogg, Chairman of the Arts Council, at the opening ceremony in the Upper Waiting Hall at the House of Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Audience boost for Festival Hall

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Concert audiences at the Festival Hall have risen for the first time in five years, which may mean a cut in the GLC's £4m subsidy.

About 459,000 people attended concerts at the hall between April and November, an increase of 30,000 over the same period last year, according to a report to be presented to the council's arts and recreation committee today. But audience levels are still well below those of two years ago.

A GLC survey suggests that the existing audience consists mainly of a "slowly declining number of middle-aged, upper class people making many visits a year".

Today's meeting is expected to back a £233,000 advertising campaign to attract more people. Mr Tony Banks, the committee chairman, said: "The dramatic rise in audiences at the Festival Hall marks the first upturn in its fortunes for five years."

It means not only more people enjoying the best in music, but also the future promise of reducing the current GLC subsidy of around £4m a year.

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1982	428,070	£3.8m
1983	459,074	£4.3m

Death crash driver 'may have been adjusting radio'

The driver of a coach which crashed on the M5 killing a teacher and seriously injuring 20 school-children may have been adjusting his radio when the accident happened, a court was told yesterday.

The 57-seat coach crashed into the back of a lorry parked on the hard shoulder of the motorway at Cullompton, Devon, it was alleged at a special magistrates' court in Cullompton.

A teacher, Mrs Dalcia Moss, aged 28, died in the crash. Twenty children aged 13 and 14 were seriously injured and 20 other children and three adults were less badly hurt.

The coach driver, Allan Johnson, aged 34 of Nelson Street Barrow in Furnes, Cumbria, denied driving without due care and attention. He was on the final leg of an overnight trip from the Lake School in Windermere when the crash happened six months ago.

He was driving the party to Plymouth to join the ferry for a school trip to France.

Mr Martin Adams, for the prosecution, said that Johnson's eyes may have been off the road as he adjusted his radio. Mr Adams said that forensic tests showed the coach had been travelling at up to 78 mph.

Johnson conceded to police that he was going above the legal speed limit.

The case was adjourned until today.

'Neglected' horses had to be shot

From Craig Seton, Minehead

Six horses left in "a beautiful condition" in the care of three men while their owner was away, were so badly neglected that two of them had to be shot, it was alleged at Minehead Magistrates' Court in Somerset, yesterday.

The court was told that Mr Roland Ford, a partner in a firm of auctioneers and chairman of the Quantock Staghounds, was appointed land agent and was in overall charge when Mrs Barbara Henson went to New Zealand for six months.

Mr Ford, of Sampford Brett, near Minehead; Mr Nelson Burden, a farm manager; and Mr Thomas Stark, a farm worker, all denied causing unnecessary suffering to animals.

Mr Michael Lloyd-Davies, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that Mrs Henson, of Crowcombe, near Taunton, returned from New Zealand to find that one of her horses had been shot and five others were in an "appalling" state.

Mr Lloyd-Davies said they had been examined a month earlier and a veterinary surgeon had found a stallion lying in an emaciated condition with little food in the vicinity. "It was clear that it was suffering from starvation. It was in such a bad state that the vet returned later that day and shot it".

The case continues on January 3.

Adamson sued by solicitor

Mr Peter Adamson, who was dismissed as a Coronation Street actor, is being sued for £48,000 by Mr Colin Nuttall, the solicitor who helped to clear him of indecency charges.

Mr Nuttall has issued a writ for the recovery of legal fees he says he is owed by Mr Adamson.

The case will be heard today, the day that Mr Adamson's screen character, Len Fairclough is killed off in a motorway crash in the Granada television serial.

Mr Gerald Taylor, Bury District Registrar, is expected to agree to an application from Mr Adamson's London solicitors, whom he employed after dismissing Mr Nuttall, for the account to be subject to a taxation, a private line-by-line examination of the fees.

Mr Nuttall said yesterday that the £48,000 was made up of £35,000 of his own fees and £13,000 which he had still to pay towards the cost of Mr George Carmou, a barrister, and Mr John Dowse, a junior barrister.

"I have had so much aggravation from this case that I wish I had never taken it on in the first place", Mr Nuttall said. He felt his £50-an-hour fee for 700 hours was not extraordinary for such a case.

"There is a lot of responsibility when dealing with a major trial like this."

Mr Adamson, aged 53, is earning a reported £1,000 a week as Inspector Hubbard in Agatha Christie's *Dial M for Murder* at Vaudeville Theatre in London.

Car that killed five had defective brakes

A wealthy farmer whose Bentley ploughed into a queue of traffic, killing a family of five, knew that his car's brakes were faulty, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

Thomas Dale, aged 63, of Scoughall Farm, North Berwick, had driven at speeds of 70 mph, overtaking dangerously and had ignored traffic lights before the crash, the court was told.

It was alleged that Dale, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, had driven into the family's Citroen 2CV rather than swerve off the road.

Sianne Adamson aged 7, Her sister Sasha, aged 5, Stefan Gosbee, aged 13 months and their mother Fiona Campbell, aged 24, all died immediately. Miss Campbell's fiancé, Stephen Gosbee, aged 24, died later in hospital.

The family of Cumbræ Park, Glenrothes, Fife, were travelling to Mr Gosbee's parents' home in Essex when the crash happened at temporary traffic lights near Belford.

Their car was last in the queue when Dale's 30-year-old Bentley, run into it after overtaking a lorry. The Citroen was so badly crushed that the rear seat was imbedded in the windscreen.

Dale admitted causing the deaths by reckless driving and was given a six-month suspended jail sentence, fined £2,000 and banned from driving for life.

Mr John Milford, for the prosecution, said: "He was driving far too fast when he well knew he had defective brakes, and against a background of a disease which slowed him down."

Cruel Kissinger cartoon 'not anti-semitic'

A deliberately cruel attack on Dr Henry Kissinger in a cartoon strip in *The Guardian* was intended to lampoon him for his policies and not because he was Jewish, the Press Council says today in rejecting a complaint that the cartoon was offensive and anti-semitic.

Mr David Myers, of Westminster, Kent, had equated the cartoon with Nazi propaganda and said he was stunned that such a "mindless and offensive" portrayal was endorsed by *The Guardian*.

In the strip cartoon *IF... Dr Kissinger* was caricatured as a turkey with an exaggerated nose. Mr Myers wrote to the editor: "The unforgivable hurt you have perpetrated, the blind and callous injustice you have inflicted and your chilling and wicked disregard for the feelings of others can only bring scorn and contempt upon your newspaper".

Mr Michael McNay, *The Guardian's* Assistant Editor Design/Graphics, wrote to Mr Myers saying "Dr Kissinger is satirized for his involvement in the bombings of North Vietnam and Cambodia, and for his destabilization of such countries as Chile. These seem to us legitimate targets for a cartoonist. Anti-semitism is not permissible and we would not tolerate it."

After Mr Myers had complained, Mr K. G. Dodd, the executive editor, wrote that he was appalled that Mr Myers appeared to be saying that while it was acceptable to lampoon a non-Jewish politician, it was not acceptable for a Jewish politician to be lampooned for whatever reason.

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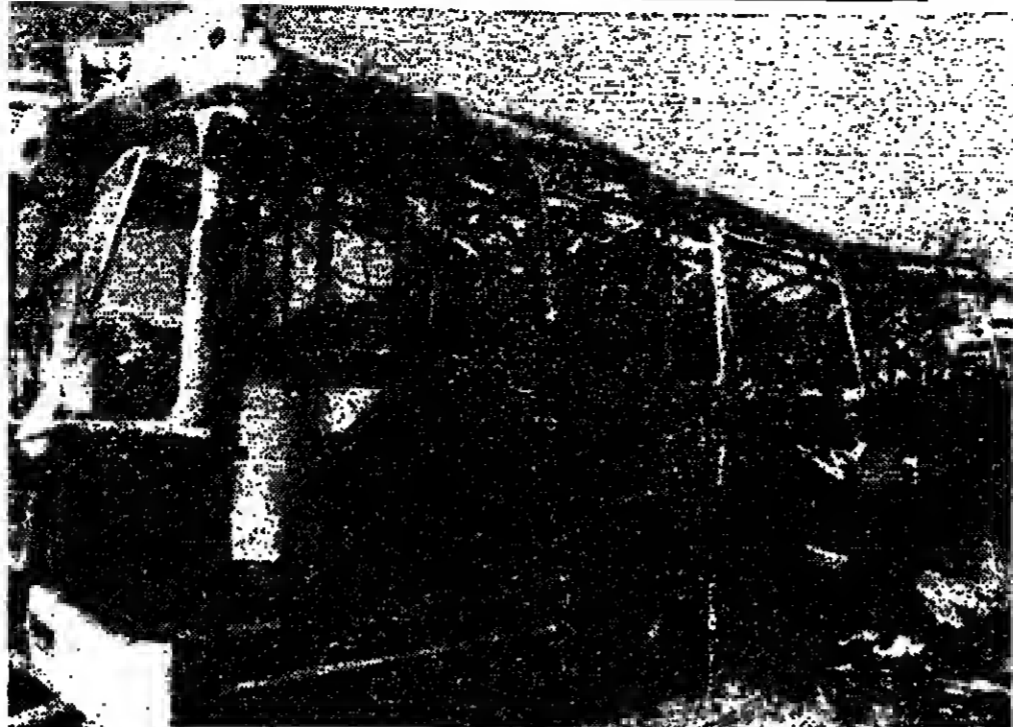
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The Lebanon crisis: Low-key response in Damascus; European worries grow

Syria wants to cool tension despite shooting down drones

From Robert Fisk, Damascus
Despite shooting down two pilotless Israeli reconnaissance aircraft yesterday, the Syrians appear to want to set limits to the propaganda victory which they feel they scored on Sunday when their troops destroyed two American naval jets during US air raids on Syrian positions in Lebanon.



Aftermath: Israeli experts examining the wreckage of a bus blown up by a bomb in Jerusalem with the loss of four lives.

When Syrian anti-aircraft missiles shot down the two Israeli drones yesterday, the news was immediately broadcast by the official Syrian news agency Sana, which claimed it to be another example of Syria's preparedness in the face of "Israeli-American aggression."

Slander writs fly over press leak in Lambsdorff case

From Michael Binyon, Bonn
A new twist was added to the Lambsdorff affair yesterday, when the Cologne public prosecutor sued the acting secretary of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) for slander after his criticisms of the way the case against the Minister of Economics was leaked to the press.

Five killed in school bus crash

Vitry-le-Francois, France (AP) - Five French schoolchildren were killed, and 10 people injured, five of them seriously, when a school bus crashed off the icy Paris-Strasbourg road in eastern France yesterday.

Shuttle clank

Houston (AFP) - The flight of the Columbia space shuttle carrying the European space lab was officially prolonged for an extra day despite a bizarre but apparently innocuous clanking heard on board.

Wider victory

Caracas (AP) - Senor Jaime Lusinchi, who won a landslide presidential victory also earned a comfortable majority in the Venezuelan Congress.

Nuns ejected

Tequila, Jalisco (Reuters) - Honduran police in helicopters and cars surrounded an Air Florida plane which landed with 68 American nuns and other churchwomen on board.

Manila death squad fear

From Keith Dalton, Manila
Claims by Manila's Muslim leaders that a police death squad has killed a number of Muslims in retaliation for the recent indiscriminate murder of nine policemen are being investigated.

Reelection risks for Reagan

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

There is growing concern in the White House about the impact that America's expanding role in the Lebanese conflict could have on President Reagan's reelection prospects next year - assuming he seeks a second term.

Luce cuts short his Gulf visit and Italy rethinks role

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, cut short his visit to the Gulf and rushed back to London last night because of the situation in Lebanon.

It is expected that Sir Geoffrey will voice Britain's continuing concern over any action that leads to the maintenance of high states of tension in Lebanon, and will emphasize that Britain will not allow the British contingent of the multinational force to be drawn more deeply into the crisis.

Mr Luce, who was touring a number of Arab countries for the first time since taking over the Foreign Office's Middle East portfolio in June, will also field Foreign Office questions in the Commons today.

He visited Kuwait after leaving Syria, but he is having to curtail his stay in Bahrain and to cancel altogether his planned visit to Qatar as a result of the sudden change of plan.

The Government is under pressure from both the Communist Opposition and from opinion from within the ruling coalition ranks to consider its role in the multi-national peace-keeping force.

Two months ago Congress approved a compromise which allowed deployment of US forces with the multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon for 18 months. The legislation specified that there should be no "substantial expansion in the number or role" of US forces.

It was largely to keep within the terms of the compromise that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said Sunday's raid was a strictly defensive measure.

Italians had hoped that a review of its purpose in Lebanon might successfully have been undertaken with the other three countries concerned, first with the British as the contingent apparently closes to the Italian outlook.

Yesterday, in an attempt to emphasize US commitment to the search for a diplomatic solution, Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the President's special adviser, left for the Middle East to explore the possibility of more negotiations on troop withdrawals.

While in no way criticizing the United States for acting in self-defence, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to stop the escalation in the fighting if there was to be any hope of a settlement.

The fundamental change in the nature of the force was seen to have come about as a result of the behaviour of the American and French contingents that adopted individual reprisal as part of their legitimate activities.

Mrs Thatcher was speaking after the three-day EEC summit here which so bogged down on Community business that there was no time to agree a final statement about the Middle East along lines which Britain has been advocating for some time.

Signor Craxi is particularly upset that the French did not consult him before undertaking their reprisal raid despite the fact that it took place a matter of hours before due to meet President Mitterrand of France in Venice.

She was due to leave last night and will be staying in Argentina for about 10 days. She will be accompanied by a Spanish woman friend and her chief bodyguard, a Croatian.

Mr Rumsfeld: Looking for a diplomatic solution.

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Argentine junta dissolves itself

From Douglas Tweeddale, Buenos Aires

The three-man junta which headed Argentina's military government has ordered its own dissolution, putting an end to more than seven years of unpopular military government and paving the way for an elected civilian Government due to take office on Saturday.

The junta has also annulled all the statutes and by-laws enacted by the military Government which seized power in March 1976, thus eliminating the last formal vestiges of military power.

The junta was the last of four which have held power since 1976, including the one over which General Galtieri presided, which ordered Argentina's disastrous occupation of the Falklands. That defeat and growing resistance to the Government's repressive social and economic policies made it impossible for the military to

retain power, and shortly after the war it announced elections. MADRID: Señora Isabel Peron, widow of the former Argentine dictator, is temporarily to abandon her exile in Spain and visit Buenos Aires to coincide with the inauguration of Señora Alfonsín. Peronist sources indicated here (Richard Wigg writes).

She was due to leave last night and will be staying in Argentina for about 10 days. She will be accompanied by a Spanish woman friend and her chief bodyguard, a Croatian. She has been living in Spain since June, 1981.

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The Athens summit: Britain resists pressure on the budget and puts the ball in MEPs' court

EEC faces cash crisis after total failure to agree on anything

From Ian Murray, Athens

With the total failure of the Athens summit to agree on anything, the Community has to prepare for the fact that it will run out of money between July and September of next year.

If nothing can be agreed before then on how to reduce farm spending - and the signs are not good - then only a miraculous conjunction of bad weather, a collapsing dollar and a very bad world harvest could eke out the community budget until the end of the year.

But that is the best possible scenario. It assumes that the European Parliament does not carry out its threat next week to freeze the EEC budget for next year precisely because the Athens summit failed to relaunch the "community of the second generation", which MEPs want.

Parliament meets to vote on this on Thursday next week. Its members have been put under intense pressure in recent days by government and political parties in their own countries to make sure the budget does get passed.

But in this matter Parliament tends to have a will of its own, and with the direct elections to Europe looming next June, it might well decide

that the time has come to make an impression.

It would not be a very deep impression. If it froze the budget then, member states would pay and receive money in monthly instalments of the 1983 total. This would be only about £100m a month less than if Parliament did not block the budget.

On these grounds MEPs might decide instead not to freeze the whole budget, but simply to block the £457m rebate which Britain was promised during the Stuttgart European summit in June. There is no question at this stage, however, of Britain withholding its payments to the Community, if that money is not paid over.

Britain wants and expects to receive the cash before the end of its financial year on March 31. Providing Parliament releases it before then, there would be no problem. Even after that Mrs Margaret Thatcher is likely to press for a new deal with higher compensation rather than stop the money. If she blocked payments it would merely accelerate the financial crisis Britain confidently expects will happen anyway, and the tactic would not make a difficult negotiating position any easier.

Parliament's attitude is therefore not causing anything like as much concern as the fact that the Community just cannot summon up the ability to reach decisions. As long as Mrs Thatcher insists on saving money on farm spending and other countries insist on stopping her, the blockage is total.

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All these factors will start to come to a head in late summer. It is then that Britain expects the Community will be on the brink of the crisis brought about by failure at Athens. At that point the legally due payments to farmers will exceed the amount of money coming into the Community coffers. It will be possible to go on paying them some, but not all, of what they are supposed to receive.

Two other factors will add to this pressure. One is the fact that the Commission has already "mortgaged" part of next year's budget in withholding some 1983 payments in order to split out this year's budget. That means that this money will have to be found next month, depriving 1984 of another £250m.

The second factor is that annual price fixing has yet to add its inevitable cost to the package. **Leading article, page 17**

that the time has come to make an impression.

It would not be a very deep impression. If it froze the budget then, member states would pay and receive money in monthly instalments of the 1983 total. This would be only about £100m a month less than if Parliament did not block the budget.

On these grounds MEPs might decide instead not to freeze the whole budget, but simply to block the £457m rebate which Britain was promised during the Stuttgart European summit in June. There is no question at this stage, however, of Britain withholding its payments to the Community, if that money is not paid over.

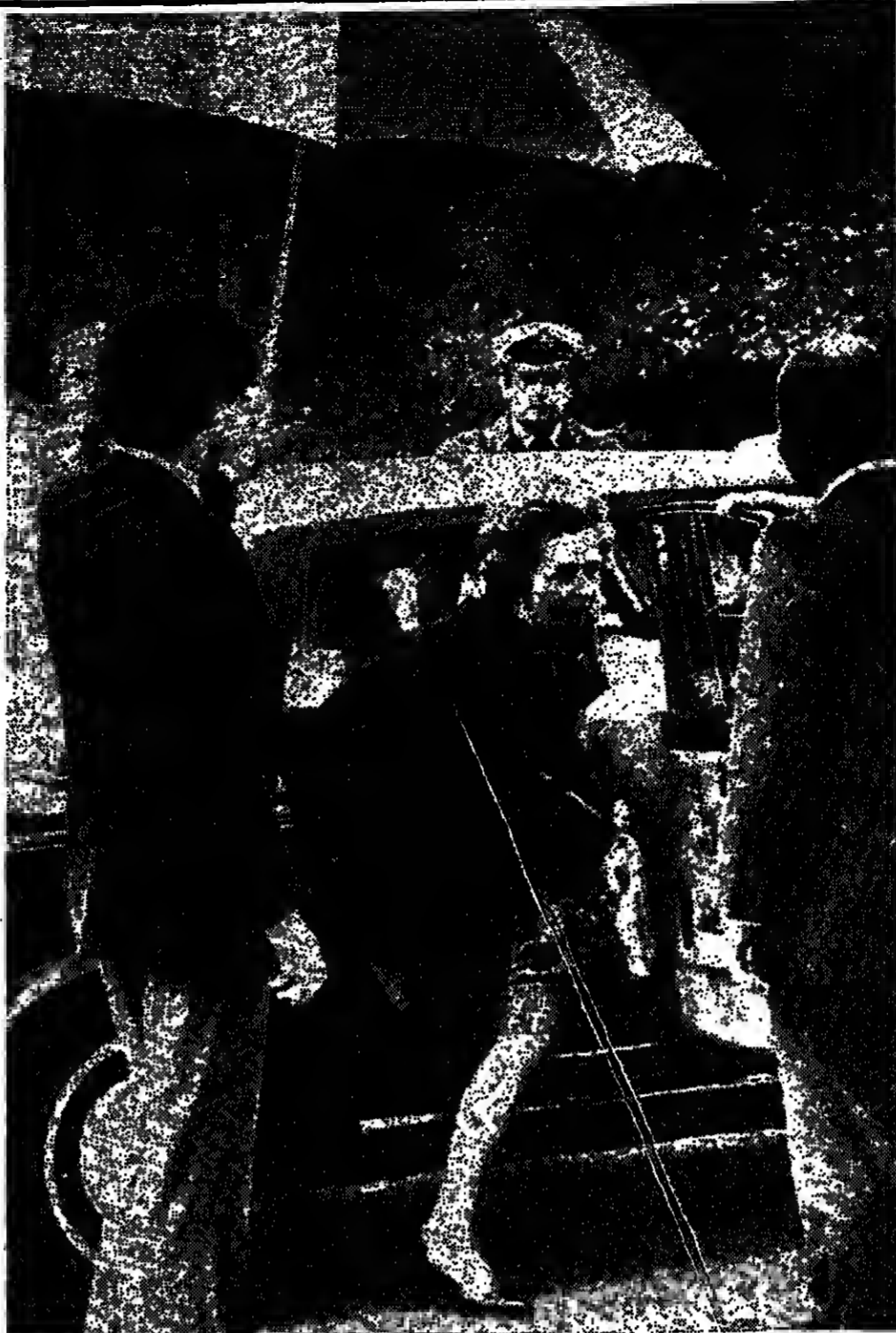
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Best foot forward: Mrs Thatcher arriving for the Athens EEC summit's last session.

Summit runs out of time in Cyprus

From Mario Modiano Athens

The breakdown of the European Community summit has seriously inhibited action on the Cyprus crisis. It left little time for top-level Greek-British consultations and it stopped the Ten from endorsing a condemnation of the Turkish-Cypriot secession.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, who chaired the summit, were too tired and too concerned to discuss in detail Britain's proposal for tripartite consultations of the three guarantors of Cypriot independence: Britain, Greece and Turkey. They did manage, however, to snatch a few minutes from their last working dinner for Mrs Thatcher to realize that Mr Papandreu wished to reflect further on the merits of sitting at the same table with Turkey, the only country to have recognized the self-styled Turkish-Cypriot state.

Troops on alert as Solidarity orders peaceful protests

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The solidarity underground leadership has called for peaceful demonstrations throughout Poland next week, urging workers to march from their factories to town centres to commemorate those killed in the price protests of 1970 and in the first days of martial law two years ago.

The appeal comes at a time of remarkably intense security preparations - by the police and the Army - ahead of the official increases in food prices due in January.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, in his capacity as Chief of the National Defence Committee, has ordered a mobilization to check the defence preparedness of the Army. In towns and villages troops have already begun to check transport, communications and supply services. Officers have been visiting factories again, for the first time since the lifting of martial law last July.

Meanwhile, policemen are stopping cars within cities and go approach roads, checking engine numbers for stolen vehicles and searching boots. The official explanation is that they are on an anti-crime

search is on for underground activists. A communiqué in the press said that "the operation involves an intensive search for criminals and suspected criminals currently in hiding."

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government spokesman, said yesterday that the military dragnet was prompted by the deteriorating international situation.

The underground leadership, who issued their appeal in the latest issue of the clandestine Warsaw weekly *Tygodnik Mazowiecki*, said the demonstrations should be held on December 16, the day when workers were shot in Gdansk in 1970 and the day, too, when miners were shot in the Wujek colliery in 1981.

"We will honour the memory of the dead with symbols of mourning and we shall show our will to fight by organizing peaceful demonstrations in the whole country. We shall leave our factories together and make marches, demonstrations and gatherings in the town centres. The responsibility for spoiling the peaceful character will be solely that of the authorities."

Air disaster families win first round

By William Norris

The families of nine members of Swansea Skydiving Club who died in a United States Army helicopter crash at Mannheim, West Germany, in September last year, have won the first stage of their legal battle for compensation.

A federal district court in Philadelphia has ruled that Boeing, the manufacturer of the helicopter, was responsible for the crash and liable for damages. Boeing had denied liability, claiming the machine was built to army specifications.

The helicopter, a twin-rotor Chinook, had been taking part in an air show when a rotor transmission failed. All 46 people on board, including skydivers from France, Britain and West Germany, were killed. Boeing is to appeal and it may be many months before compensation is paid. If the appeal fails, individual damage hearings will be held, in which awards will be unlimited.

Walk leads to discovery of ransom

Zeist, Holland (AP) - A walk

in the woods by two nature lovers has enabled the authorities to recover the bulk of the ransom paid in the kidnapping of Mr Freddie Heineken, the brewery magnate, police disclosed yesterday.

Police uncovered the money on Monday, buried about a foot deep in a wooded area near this central Dutch city.

The authorities have withheld information on the actual ransom amount for fear that it might set some sort of target in future kidnappings. But Dutch television and newspapers have widely reported that between 30m and 35m guilders (£7m to £8m) was paid on November 28 as the price of freedom for Mr Heineken and his chauffeur. The two were rescued unharmed in a police raid two days later.

Police sent 50 officers to search the woods after the two strollers stumbled across part of the loot, a plastic bag containing 200 £100 bills.

An everyday story of countryfolk

1. Since the village bus service was axed, young Jack Norris has had to leave his home and friends in order to live nearer his job, 12 miles away. It's a shame the way the old place keeps losing so many of its young people.

2. The village bus service was so handy for Mrs Payne. It meant that whatever she couldn't buy in the village, she could always get in the next town. Now there's no bus, she's got a problem. Not to mention a 3 mile walk. Because in common with 70% of British women, Mrs Payne does not have a driving licence.

3. Like a lot of young people today, Alan Murphy can't get a job. And now, he doesn't even have the means to go after one, because he's got no bus service either. No bus. No job. No hope. Alan is finding village life more and more frustrating...

4. Mrs Sarah Smith (68 last birthday) used to rely on the village bus to take her to the doctor's surgery. Now the bus service has gone, she either has to beg a lift or take a six mile hike. It seems that when you live in the country, you have to be fit to be ill.

5. Ted Armitage hasn't been on a bus in years. Hasn't needed to with the car. But he's far from happy about the effect the lack of a bus service is having on the village. Ted runs the local shop - and it's not good for business the way people keep packing up and leaving. And then there's his old ma. She used to rely on the bus a lot. Now she's going to be relying an awful lot more on Ted and his car.

6. It's not little Jane Harding's fault that her new secondary school is 2½ miles away from the village. But it's her problem. Because Jane's parents can't afford to run a car and the bus that took her to school has run its last journey. Now she has to bike it. And that's not much fun in the winter.

7. Tracy Cole is 17 and she's had it with village life. There was never much to do there anyway, but now the bus service has gone, she and her mates feel marooned. Never mind what her parents say, she's off to the bright lights and the big city just as soon as her bags are packed.

These stories represent the kind of problems faced by today's countryfolk. What's to be done to help them? This was one of the topics discussed by a wide range of community interests at a recent Convention in London. We'll be pleased to send you a complimentary copy of the Convention Report in exchange for the coupon.

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THE ARTS

The fall and rise of 'Star'



James Mason as Norman Maine: "Hollywood was not in favour of the picture"

"For me the whole thing was a great treat. When I first arrived in Hollywood I had put myself at a great disadvantage, because I didn't do the right things. At that time anyone with career ambitions had to sign up for a long-term contract with one of the studios. It was the only way you got a lift and the sort of vehicles on which a career is built up. But I didn't like the idea of a long-term contract, because it meant that somebody else would have to make my decisions for me.

"So I went freelance. I had done a couple of half decent pictures at 20th Century, but nothing else very promising. So that to be offered a film like *A Star is Born* was something special. I had heard that they were offering it to other people properly established people. They offered it to Bogey, for instance, and to Cary Grant, who had actually got to the point of signing in at the readings with Judy.

"So it was very nice for me to get it. It was fun from the start. I thought Moss Hart's script was extremely good, and I had the greatest possible faith in Cukor, though it was the only time I ever worked with him. I approved wholeheartedly of all the cast, and I had an enormous admiration, sort of love, for Judy Garland already before we started.

"She was marvellous to work with. Of course she had her difficulties. She had got into this strange way of life when she

In 1954, George Cukor directed Judy Garland and James Mason in *A Star is Born* - a musical version of a story that had been twice filmed before: in 1932 by Cukor himself, as *What Price Hollywood?*, and in 1937 by William Wellman. The film had a spectacular Hollywood premiere on September 29, 1954, but a few weeks later Warner Brothers recalled the prints, to cut them from 3 hours to 150 minutes. Two years ago, with the support of the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and of Warner Brothers, Ronald Haver began the search for such fragments of the cut portions as might have survived, scattered in the film vaults. After many months he had collected enough to reconstitute a version approximating to Cukor's original. Cukor himself died the day before its first screening, which Sheridan Morley described on this page a few months ago. The restored version of *A Star is Born* has just opened at the Gate, Notting Hill, and other cinemas. James Mason, who plays Norman Maine, a Hollywood star whose career is on the wane at the same time as Esther Blodgett (Garland) is rising to the top, recalls his experiences in making the film, in an interview with David Robinson

it had been used only for big things like *The Robe*. Nicholas Ray in *Rebel Without a Cause* and Kazan with *East of Eden* had opened it up; and it had suited the underwater scenes in another film I did at this time. Richard Fleischer's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*; but this was the first time it had been used really intelligently.

"My own work on the film was finished, of course, as soon as there were no more dialogue scenes required. The scenes where I was involved with music had already been done. So at that point they stopped production and took a break to prepare the big, marathon numbers "Born in a Trunk" and "Lose that Long Face".

The latter number was one of the cuts made by Warners. I didn't expect them to do anything as big as "Born in a Trunk". I was always poking my nose into other peoples' business and trying to solve their problems for them, and I knew that Jack Warner was getting rather browned off with the slow progress and mounting cost of the film. So I thought the best thing to do would be to call up Louis B. Mayer and see if he had some old numbers with Judy left over that they hadn't used in her films, and do a deal for them. That certainly is what I would have been tempted to do if I'd been in Jack Warner's shoes; so it came as a great surprise when they shot a 15-minute musical sequence.

"When I saw the film finally it had already been truncated; and I was disappointed. I felt the scenes cut from the beginning were among the best - certainly for Judy. She was playing them at a level of comedy, against a stressful situation, and was at her very best.

"Moreover, as it stood, "Born in a Trunk" seemed a big, uncalled-for thing, quite disproportionate now that the film had been shortened. So I was disappointed; though not disappointed that "Losing that Long Face" had been dropped. In the full version, of course, you see how it helps that part of the picture; the placing of it actually makes it more dramatic. There are so many things that work better like that; and the public realizes it. Like me, I think the public's reaction to the cut version was one of disappointment although they could not at the time know why.

"Anyway, now we have the full version at last. It's most fun seeing it with an audience. I've done a certain amount of touring around with it - Radio City Music Hall (6,000 people - wonderful), Washington, Dallas, the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, a wonderful art deco theatre beautifully restored. I went to all these shows. It's a sort of charity deal really. I was doing it for and in the interests of the Academy, which is worth supporting. They have a hard time doing the work they want to do, part of which is restoring old films, which is very costly. The Oscar show, whatever you may think of it, makes a great deal of money for them. And that's what it's for: to provide funds for work like this on our picture".

was a kid at MGM. Witnesses testify that it was then she got into the habit of uppers and downers, with the encouragement of the top brass at MGM. They wanted to get the most out of her, so they didn't take it amiss if she took a little pick-me-up in the morning and sleeping pills at night. It became a habit and in course of time got worse.

"But on the set she was wonderful, easy. She didn't put in as many hours as a less talented woman would have done. There were mornings when she wasn't fit to work until about eleven o'clock because she'd taken too many sleeping pills or something. When she woke up, though, she was great - marvellous, enthusiastic, thoroughly professional, a joy to work with. Of course Cukor was sometimes exasperated when she didn't show up until late in the morning - after all he had to cope with Jack Warner as well, and was desperate to keep things going.

"The mood of Hollywood was not in favour of the picture. They shook their heads over Judy, who hadn't managed to make a film for four years since MGM dropped her contract: she had been 'suspended' from both *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Royal Wedding* for not showing up. That led me that a friend had heard Arthur Freed say, referring to her and her then husband, Sid Luft: "Those alley cats couldn't make a film". That was the mood of Hollywood. There was no enthusiasm either at Warners or in the

press: the dismal history of the film after it was finished was these circumstances hardly surprising.

"We had a curious beginning with the film, because finally I was the one who held up that start, not Judy. I got an inner carembalance, which makes you dizzy; you stagger like a drunken man. I had to stay in bed for a week, and when I began work I was still a little foggy - and not helped by the way that George would talk, talk, talk; that made you dizzy. Anyway, I was able to use my dizziness to my advantage.

"Encouraged by Hoyningen-Huene, who was engaged as special colour adviser on the film, George had a funny idea of relating the theme of any scene he was trying to do to the work of a particular artist-painter, to achieve visual atmosphere. For this particular scene he had decided on Fuseli; he wanted to capture the feeling of one of Fuseli's nightmare paintings. I was not one of the idea until I was going down a corridor and met a girl most peculiarly painted and got up. I stopped her and said: "Excuse me, what are you playing?" And she said: "Ah... I play a curtain". It was revealed that Cukor was going to mix these peculiarly painted girls with the curtains, so that they could move as if in a breeze. I would think in my drunken haze that I saw a girl, and then... "Ah, it's just a curtain." That was the idea, anyway. It didn't work. He abandoned it. He didn't have many ideas like that though, not on this picture.

"He was splendid to work with. Of course he had done most of his best work earlier, at MGM; afterwards it was not so interesting for him. But he was always shrewd enough to surround himself with very good technical advisers. The cameraman, Sam Leavitt, had not done anything very important before, but Cukor had formed the relationship with Hoyningen-Huene.

"Seeing the film again, too, I realize how important was the contribution of Gene Allen as the production designer. I think his contribution was more important than Hoyningen-Huene's. This was the first time that anyone had used Cinema-Scope imaginatively. Generally

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Television



Videostars: John Birt and Caroline Quentin

Howard Shuman, he of the Rock Follies, thinks that the broad issue about television is whether you should send people to sleep or wake them up, which is too broad a definition for me, leaving out both those who do not need television as a stimulant to wakefulness and those for whom it provides a welcome answer to insomnia.

Mr Schuman favours waking people up. His *Videostars*, BBC 1 last night, envisaged the kind of cable TV show he hopes there might be fears there will not be. I reckon his fears are well founded though I do not think it will be a deprivation.

His play covered the fortunes of Channel D, produced as a kind of misfit's TV and run by a manic bunch all well qualified to meet any such demand. There was the kind of television show guaranteed to indulge the appetite for gaping without participating, which television at its worst is best at. It rampaged through 80 minutes with no trouble, full of fast-forward talk, pop caricature, cynicism, and entertainment. Channel D becomes a raging success resented only by reactionaries who turn out to be corrupt but triumphant. At last the defeated crew is planning a pirate station to broadcast from a plane circling over Pimlico.

It was smart, slick, always on the edge of possibility, exuberantly directed by Colin Bucksey and produced by Kenneth Trodd with strong performances by Tim Curry as the loony presenter, Benedict Taylor, Nicholas Ball and Walter Fall.

Yorkshire's *First Tuesday* went to West Virginia, where men are men and women will not be left on the surface. They go down the coal mines. There are 3,000 women miners in the US and, as Charles Flynn's film showed, they are a formidable breed.

Fifty-year-old Dorothy Keane, the first woman to venture into one Appalachian mine, testified that the men had put her through hell for six months but she had stuck it out and certainly did not seem diminished. Her grandchildren, she said, were ecstatic about her being a miner.

Women miners began to multiply five years ago when the Coal Employment Project took legal action to codify discrimination. Opposition had come not only from men but from their wives, but the newer generation of males are taking female buddies for granted. This summer one woman died alongside six men in an underground explosion but this has only served to make the women determined to make the mines safer.

The second half of the programme, directed by Peter Gordon, dealt with strippers in the North-East. Stripping is one of the few booming businesses and the big day is Sunday when the men sip their pints and peer over their shoulders, presumably, their own little women are cooking the lunch. Sub-titles might have helped here and there but it was nicely done.

Dennis Hackett

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



Tidings of something, if not exactly joy

I know it is a blasphemous thought at this time of year, but I do feel the religious lyric is bankrupt of all relevance to the reality of a modern Christmas.

While Shepherds quaffed their hocks by night All seated in the lounge Their little angel Maud came down

It is high time this diary turned back the pages of the calendar, in the interests of comparative study.

How lame theory is, I am reminded of a lad called Hemmings, who blew up his Doctor Barnardo's box in order to invest the contents in yet more explosives.

"While Shepherds quaffed" has not gone down at all well with the family in question. I had forgotten that (a) they live in a state of totalitarianism, and (b) their daughter is a byword in filial devotion.

To be or not to be a mother

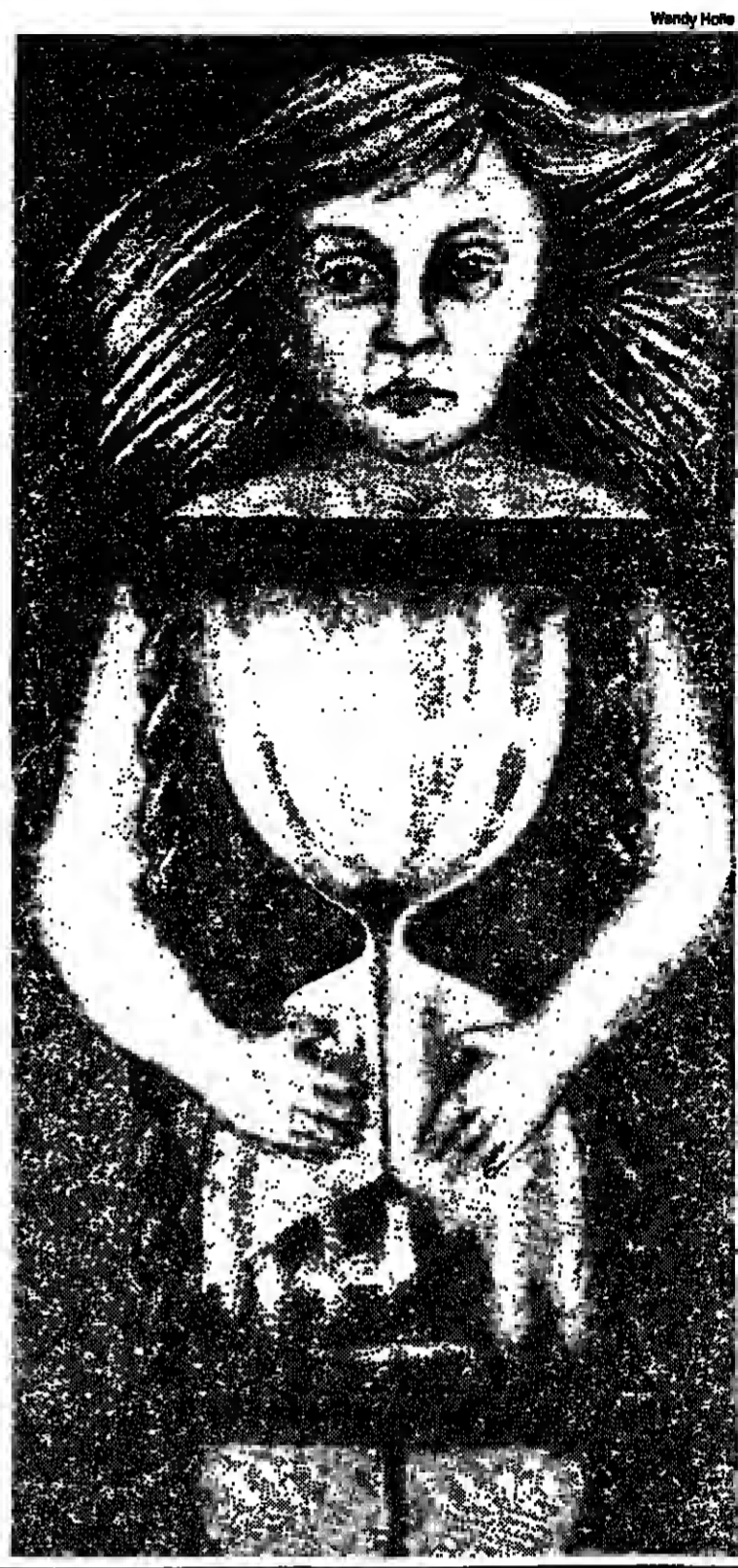
Hilaire Gomer on the dilemmas of delayed parenthood

The current fashion among women with careers is to put off having babies until they are well into their 30s. The average organized decision-taking woman, however, having taken the decision to start a family, suddenly finds she has stepped on to an antenatal conveyor belt.

She is treated just like her younger counterparts in a world where midwives rule - visiting clinics, breathing classes, taking iron tablets and so on - except when it comes to amniocentesis. This is the foetal abnormality test offered to older pregnant women and familiar to any mother-to-be who has delayed starting a family till later years.

For some women the actual test is not a trauma, merely a necessary means, with luck, to peace of mind for the rest of the pregnancy. For others it is nothing short of a frightening ordeal.

Michael House says that he has not dealt with a case where a mother refused to have a termination after abnormalities in the foetus were discovered, but I know of a couple who did just that and are now bringing up their mongol child.



Pudding for all tastes

Food, like child-rearing, is a subject on which everyone has views. To write about it is to invite an exchange of ideas and it is never possible to please everyone.

THE TIMES COOK

There are hearty Yorkshire puddings baked under massive roasts and richly endowed with their drippings. These are the puddings for serving in mighty slices, with gravy, to blunt appetites raring for beef.

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TALKBACK Women's work From Mr M. A. Symonds, Columbia House, Winton, Hereford As a father of six children may I be permitted to comment on male midwifery and in particular the article on the Friday Page, November 25, Philip Chalmers' explanation for wishing to qualify as a midwife seems more concerned with his determination as a very tiny minority to foist yet another opportunity for the prurient on the supine British public.

CONOLEY & JOHNSON Smedley's & CHILPRUFFE Finest Quality Underwear for Women 27 pieces sent for free brochure. CONOLEY & JOHNSON P.O. Box 46, Whitefriars Lane, London EC1A 3JF. Tel: 0792 334188

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Cheese gougères Makes six 85g (3oz) butter 170g (6oz) plain flour 1 large egg 150 ml (1/4 pint) milk 4 teaspoons dripping Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Break the egg into the bowl and mix with the flour to make a smooth paste. Gradually add the milk, mixing constantly, to make a smooth, lump-free batter.

Computer group up 112%

By Jeremy Warner
United Leasing
Half-year to 30.9.83
Pretax profit £1.2m (£573,000)

United Leasing, an IBM computer leasing group, yesterday reported a 112 per cent increase in its half-year pretax profits.

When United Leasing was floated on the stock market last July, the share issue flapped and only 50 per cent of the shares an offer were applied for.

The company said that the market for IBM equipment remains extremely buoyant, helped by the high volume of 308X processors and 3380 disk drives being shipped abroad.

The American subsidiary, Unilease Computer Corporation, is said to be making outstanding progress in the United States. A regional office is being established in Florida and the company is transferring its New York headquarters to larger premises.

An interim dividend of 0.8p is to be paid. Mr Parry Mitchell and his brother Ashley, the chairman and managing director respectively, are waiving their rights to this dividend.

RHM simplifies to accumulate more

Like so many of the big companies that diversified without actually switching their emphasis in the Sixties and Seventies, Ranks Hovis McDougall is now in the middle of a process of simplification. It has already sold its agricultural business pulled out of Ireland and is halfway through the long and costly business of upgrading its bakeries during a period of bad trading.

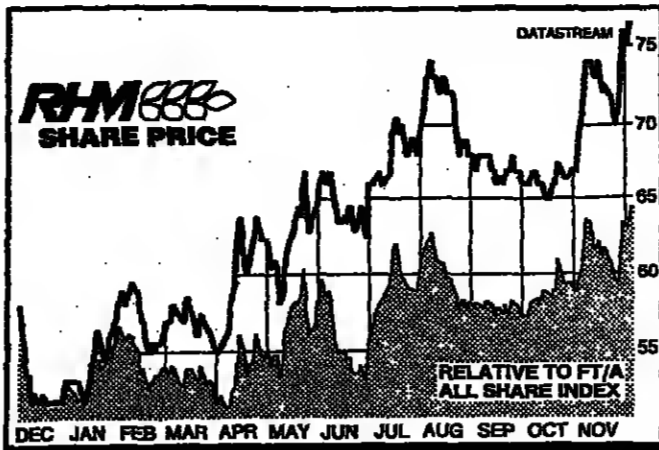
However, perhaps because of its tradition of not breaking its business down into divisional results, this process will remain something of a mystery until the results show through.

The results for the year to September were encouraging at the bottom line, with pretax profits up from £35m to £44m, earnings per share up from 9p to 10.9p per share and a modest 5 per cent rise in dividends. There is every reason to expect a further, perhaps more modest, profit rise this year.

The agricultural sale will knock £500m off the group's turnover, static last year at £1.6 billion, but will make little difference to profits. Closure in Ireland will save roughly £2m this year.

But the big question is how soon Ranks can turn its bread losses into profit. Losses were probably cut from about £12m to £10m last year and are now running nearer the £8m level.

The bakery reconstruction programme is about halfway through but will only really show positive results in 1984-85 when the last of the new bakeries start operating. Bread prices, kept tight by market leader Associated British Foods, have risen slightly, but the recovery still looks gradual rather than dramatic. The group gradually emerging has a thoroughly sound balance sheet and centres on food products in the United Kingdom and, more profitably, in the Far East (where Ranks has just floated off a quarter of its business). The trouble is that the most profitable products remain the traditional staples like salt and Bisto. The long-term test will be how the group can develop its newer products into big profits.



DATASTREAM RHM SHARE PRICE RELATIVE TO FT ALL SHARE INDEX

average price received was £8,603 a tonne compared with £6,858. But it is also true that the new Tri-fo treatment plant has increased capacity by a quarter. Tin concentrates produced rose from 415 tonnes to 457 tonnes, while recovery, helped by a modest improvement in grades, was 4.61 kilograms per tonne against 4.41.

To sustain progress, £2.2m is to be spent on sinking a sub-line shaft below the old Levant workings. The prospect of maintaining reserves should underpin the share price of 138p, up 10p, and the full year dividend.

Coalite

Coalite's peripheral activities - like builders' merchanting, sheep farming in the Falklands and vehicle building - are showing an encouraging improvement. But with almost 90 per cent of profits derived from

benefit even more from higher local authority spending. The vehicle building interests, which include Dormobile, would also be helped by more government money for things like ambulances.

The Falklands sheep have produced a good crop this year with shearing taking place now which will help the second half though long-term question marks obviously hang over the operation there.

The balance sheet remains strong with cash and investments up on the figure of £40m shown in the last report. While much depends on the winter weather, Coalite should make more than £31m for the full year. Meanwhile, the interim dividend has been increased from 1.55p to 1.67p.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Butterfield-Harvey Half-year to 1.10.83 Pretax loss £739,000 (£513,000) Turnover £22.5m (£21.6m) Net interim dividend None (same)

Carless Capel & Leonard Year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £1.4m (£904,000) Stated earnings 1.47p (1.45p) Turnover £40.4m (£35.2m) Net interim dividend 1p (same)

Rowlinson Securities Period to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £332,000 (£322,000) Stated earnings 1.27p (1.24p) Turnover £4.7m (£4.3m) Net interim dividend 0.18p (same)

Leds Group Year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £1.2m (£1.1m) Stated earnings 16.5p (15.3p) Turnover £9m (£8.9m) Net interim dividend 4.5p (same)

Sketchley has made its first acquisition in Europe. It is paying DM11.85m (£470,000) of the Fritsch Service Laundry group of Heinsberg, West Germany. Its principle customers are hospitals and hotels.

British Electronic Traction has completed the sale of Canadian Motorways for C\$16m (£9m) in cash.

Resource Technology is paying to be satisfied by the issue of 3.4 million shares, 2.8 million of which will be placed for the SPT Group. It makes communications systems and ancillary products. The group intends to apply for a full listing on completion of the deal.

The half share in Mobil Hubner, the West Berlin furniture store, owned by the former UDS Group has been sold by Hanson Trust to a German family which controls the balance of the shares. The family paid £4.4m.

Geevor Tin Mines

Shareholders in Geevor Tin Mines, Britain's only quoted tin mine, do not need elephantine memories to recall the company last paid a dividend in 1980, but they will be gratified by the 4p net interim the Cornish producer proposes.

The dividend is made possible by a sharp recovery from the £24,000 loss made in the first half of last year to a pretax profit of £601,000.

Even after paying £309,000 tax, Geevor can feel justifiably pleased with after tax profits of £292,000. Not surprisingly, earnings per share have soared from a loss of 8.21p to a profit of 9.83p.

This recovery owes much to the success of the International Tin Agreement and the Buffer Stock Manager in restricting other producers' exports and supporting the price. Geevor's

Table of Commodities prices including Rubber, Coffee, Sugar, Cocoa, and various metals like Tin and Zinc.

The Northern American Trust PLC

Table showing Results for year ended 31st October 1983: Per Ordinary Share, Net Asset Value, Earnings, Dividend.

Geographic Distribution of Assets at 31st October 1983. Includes maps and percentages for North America (42%), United Kingdom (40%), and Japan & Others (18%).

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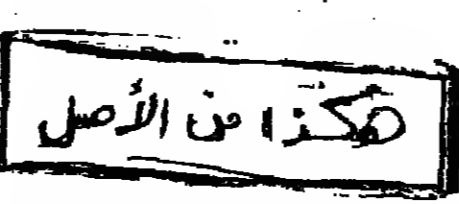
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INVESTORS IN INDUSTRY GROUP plc SIX MONTHS UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Financial statement table with columns for 6 months to September 30 and Year to March 31, comparing 1983 and 1982 figures for items like Group income, Profits on realisation, Interest on borrowings, etc.

Notes: 1. An interim dividend will be paid in respect of the year ending March 31, 1984 of 2.5p per share. £2,875,000 (1982: 2.0p per share, £2,300,000).

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Dunlop nears year's low

money supply figures for November better than expected Government Securities managed to notch up some useful gains, averaging 2 1/2%.

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The shares of the beleaguered tyre-company Dunlop slipped to 40p yesterday, precariously close to the year's low of 41p, as confusion grew over the Malaysian Pegi group's response to the proposed rescue operation.

Immediate intention to visit London to discuss the deal he did not rule it out. Interestingly, negotiations between the two parties have been going on in London with Pegi's financial advisers Samuel Montagu & Co.

According to Sarasin the next step is gaining a quoted vehicle and then finalising the financing arrangements before formal talks with Pegi can fruitfully take place.

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Sarasin's Mr Michael Richardson has made it clear that the whole deal rests on Pegi's support. Although Pegi managing director Mr A L Phoon, said in Kuala Lumpur yesterday that he had no

property groups like MEPC and Land Securities will spend the next few years consolidating their positions and begin concentrating on income rather than asset growth filtered

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Old men's memories and sportsmanship in a material world

The old days were not necessarily always the good old days. Yet since the Centenary Association...

Universities' challenge to pass on Corinthian spirit

As Oxford and Cambridge step out this afternoon for their centenary match...

It is no truism to say that if Oxford and Cambridge today cannot echo at Wembley...

Now more than ever, it should be said, the universities have an obligation to show that the game can still be played with fun, sportsmanship...

Will Robin Russell and Keith Wright, the respective coaches, have given their men that splendored sense of optimism...

Prolific pair's toughest test

Their names may never roll of the tongue as easily as those of Daiglish and Pearce...

Harrow's league attendances rarely top 200 but their ground has a capacity of 4,000 and up to 3,500 are expected for Saturday's game.

Harrow has been celebrating their 50th anniversary this year but all their main achievements have come since they left the Athenian League...

Little progress, however, was made until 1922 when the same year by then headmaster of Uppingham - produced a new set of ideas termed 'The Simplest Game'.

Since the war both sides have gained much from professional coaching in the matter of tactics and techniques. It was not always thus.

The university match has had three major homes during its life. First came the Oval (1874-1888).

Following Queens' Club, however, the contest led a nomadic existence with brief visits to Stamford Bridge, the old Crystal Palace (then the home of the Corinthians) and Highgate.

Geoffrey Green

Miss Durie one set up as rain halts play

Melbourne (Reuter) - Jo Durie of Britain, became the first player in four months to take a set off the world number one...

Trailing 3-4 in the opening set, Miss Durie displayed remarkable coolness to grab an immediate break back, and take the next three games for the set.

Just hours after the match was halted, Women's Tennis Association officials here confirmed that Miss Durie had entered the top 10 in the women's singles rankings...

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Who were the German, Sylvia Hanika, seeded to meet Miss Navratilova in the final, fell surprise victim to the No 9 seed, Kathy Jordan.

Melbourne (AFP) - Women players are to sock a five-final at the Virginia Slims championship in New York next February, the WTA announced today.

WOMEN'S SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS: Sylvia Hanika (WG, 7-5, 6-3) vs C C Beaman (Can, 6-4, 6-1); Kathy Jordan (US, 6-4, 6-4) vs D C Jackson (US, 6-4, 6-4).

MEN'S SINGLES FOURTH ROUND: I Young (US) leads J Northington (US) 2-0; F Bamber (UK) vs G Gayer (UK).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES SECOND ROUND: B Dye and R Frawley (Aus) vs B Yast and M Kratzmann (Aus); G Gayer and J Northington (US) vs D C Jackson and R Frawley (Aus).

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MOTOR RACING



Piquet: "I used to pray for my car to break down"

Piquet pinpoints a problem of power

The formula one world champion driver, Nelson Piquet, one of a select few who have successfully navigated the transition direct from formula three, expressed concern yesterday at the rapidly widening gap between the two formulae...

Another enthusiastic advocate of Webb, the managing director of Motor Circuit Developments, who next July will become the first organization in Britain to stage a motor race with an operational budget of \$1m. As it is also MCD's intention to set aside two days of testing at Brands Hatch for the British Grand Prix, sponsored by John Player, during the Easter weekend, this would provide an admirable opportunity for them to include a speculative Formula 3,000 "trial run" race in full view of all the grand prix team managers.

Testing is not so bad. You do a few laps then come into the pits for a rest and a drink, but racing is a different matter. When I started in formula one, I prayed for my car to break down because I was so exhausted. I was very lucky, because in that first year I nearly always did.

With formula two proving too expensive for many Grand Prix aspirants, formula one team managers are sharing Piquet's concern about the 600 to 700 horsepower power differential with the formula three drivers...

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Brabham award The Ferodo Trophy, which is awarded annually for the outstanding British Commonwealth contribution to motor racing, has been awarded for 1983 to the Brabham Formula One team...

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FOOTBALL: BURKINSHAW'S CHANCE TO CONQUER EUROPE, ENGLAND, THE WORLD

Tottenham risk two wingers and gamble on Hoddle's pride

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Tottenham Hotspur and Bayern Munich will tonight play a game of risk at White Hart Lane. The stakes are high...



Ardiles: could come on for the last 20 minutes.

team that lost at Norwich City last Saturday. Much depends, as always, on the elegant Hoddle, who was hurt by the criticisms of Uli Hoenees, Bayern's manager, and Beckenbauer after the first leg...

World Cup favourites and favouritism

By Stuart Jones

The World Cup finals may be 30 months away but, shortly after three o'clock this afternoon, a record entry of 121 nations will begin to plot their routes to Mexico...

A glimpse of the paths that lie ahead was unveiled yesterday when FIFA announced the seeding and format of the competition...

It is not the first time that Belgium have suffered such a fate. They fell they had been asked to take an unexpected long path in the second round...

BOXING: EUROPEAN FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallace, homework finished must now pass French test

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

That first round clout from George Fossy that halted Tony Willis's challenge for the British lightweight championship on Saturday stopped boxing experts in their tracks...



Wallace: weight problem

When asked "Why are you looking so pale?" Wallace answers, "Don't know, maybe it's the cold..."

Coolness the key in Canute Clough and freezing conditions the tide of passion

By Hugh Taylor



Jobson: erratic

From Clive White, Prague: What you ask yourself, how Watford got to smile about. They are third from bottom of the first division...

goals down. But this is a different team, an irregular and inexperienced one not content with the resilience that comes from winning...

The rapturous encouragement of more than 60,000 of Britain's most passionate football supporters and the fierce determination of Scots to ensure that the old enemy (from England) are defeated combine to make Celtic favourites in the UEFA Cup...

sent the Portuguese home shell-shocked, he says Celtic this time must be even more reliable in defence and he has pointed out to his team that they cannot afford to throw every one forward...

Cram leads to the altar

By Hugh Taylor

Steve Cram, the world 1,500m champion, has cast doubts on the use of altitude training in his bid to win the Olympic title in Los Angeles next summer...

Graham returns after injury

Arthur Graham is back in Manchester United's team for their Milk Cup fourth round replay with Oxford United at Old Trafford tonight...

No block to Soviets

Los Angeles (AP) - Russian Olympic officials have received assurances from the Los Angeles mayor, Tom Bradley, that their athletes would be warmly welcomed at the 1984 Olympics...

ATHLETICS

CRICKET

Rebels with backbone

Johnannesburg (Reuters) - The unofficial West Indian touring party go into their first one-day international match against South Africa...

Kirk backs Boycott compromise

Reg Kirk, one of the leading members of the Yorkshire Members 1984 Group and also on the Yorkshire County Cricket Club general committee, has given his support for a compromise on the Boycott issue...

FOR THE RECORD

- AMERICAN FOOTBALL: NATIONAL LEAGUE Detroit Lions 13, Minnesota Vikings 2. REAL TENNIS: LONDON: MCC 3, Hatfield House 2...

Content, but not in the pink

By George Chesterton

Charterhouse 2, Westminster 2

Westminster yesterday took the lead early, lost it in the second half but managed an equalizer in the dying minutes...

Charlton's punishment in blanket of secrecy

The troubled second division club, Charlton Athletic, face more difficulties yesterday, when they were found guilty of breaking Football League regulations over the transfer of Ronnie Moore...

Hamburg's need for world title

Bonn (Reuters) - Hamburg, already out of this season's European Cup, badly need to beat Grenlo of Porto Alegre in next Sunday's world cup championship final...

Van Breukelen to go

Brian Clough yesterday recalled the Dutch international goalkeeper, Hans Van Breukelen, into Nottingham Forest's team, and, at the same time, arranged for the player's probable transfer back to The Netherlands...

MONDAY'S RESULTS

- Milk Cup: Third round, third replay. Notts County 1, West Bromwich Albion 3. ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Worcester v Frinton...

TONIGHT CARMEN WILL BE STABBED.

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CRICKET

Zaheer hopes for an upturn

Adelaide (AP) - The Pakistani tour party arrived in Adelaide yesterday for the third Test match against Australia...

No Lord's for the ladies

There is no room for the England women's cricket team at Lord's in 1984. A request for a one-day international against the New Zealand...

OPERA & BALLET

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CLIFF RICHARD. APOLLO VICTORIA. Standing Room Tickets.

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ART GALLERIES

ALAN GALLERY 1, Bury St. ALAN GALLERY 2, Bury St. ALAN GALLERY 3, Bury St.

CINEMAS

ADRIAN BAKER, Royal Albert Hall. THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Royal Albert Hall.

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TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton. A review of the morning papers at 6.25...

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines 6.30 Have You Seen This? A preview of schools programmes for managers...



Helene Delavault as Carmen: Channel 4, 9.00pm

The world television premiere of the first Peter Brook's three films, THE TRAGEDY OF CARMEN...

BBC 2

9.35 News summary with subtitles. 9.40 Nick Start. The final of the motorcycle trials competition for the Lombard Trophy...

CHOICE

to Bizet's original three hours. Gone are the lush overtones, props and scenery...

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. The second quarter final of the anagrams competition and the number two seed, William Bradford...

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today featuring the Royal Society Show, London. 6.25 Shipping Forecast...

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Midweek Choice part two. Recordings of works by Torelli, Bach, Mozart and Scott...

Radio 2

6.00 News. 6.05 Your Midweek Choice part two. Words by Hummel and Shostakovich. 6.10 News...

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 8.00 Simon Bates. 9.00 News. 10.00 News...

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am News. 7.00 World News. 7.20 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Reflections...

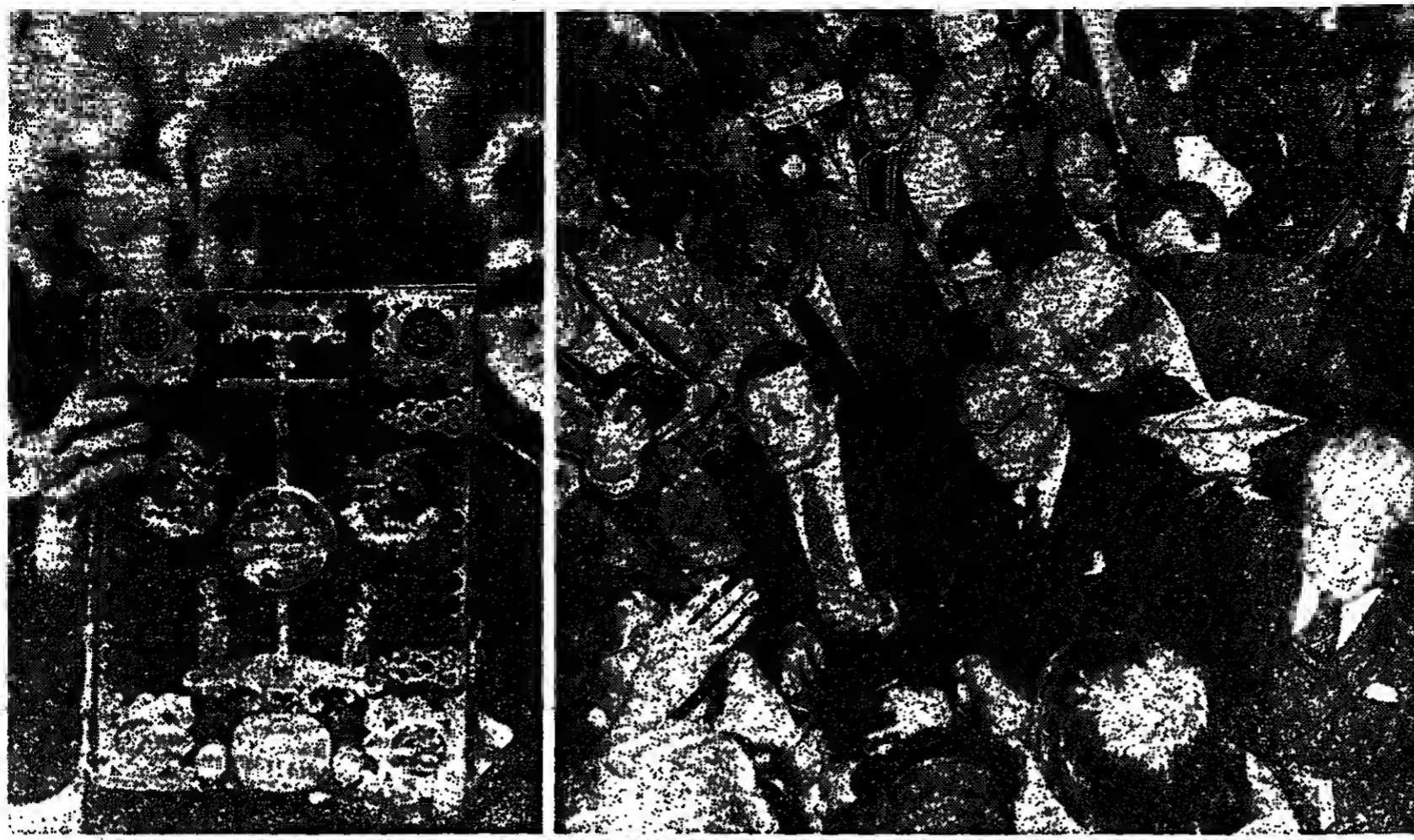
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Large advertisement for 'Super Sees' featuring 'Design Editorial Secretary', 'Westminster School Development Office', 'Initiative', 'People & Personnel', 'Publishing Secretaries', 'Junior Shorthand Secretary', 'Receptionist and Telephonist', 'Elizabeth Hunt Recruitment Consultants', 'Italian Speaker', 'PA in Personnel', 'Receptionist of the Year', and 'Shorthand/Allyo Typist'.

Large advertisement for 'Tonight Opera Really Comes to Life' featuring Peter Brook's 'Tragedy of Carmen' on Channel 4 at 9.00pm.

£8m book vendors' identity is secret

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent West Germany expressed its delight yesterday at the purchase of the Gospels of Henry the Lion...



The Gospels on display yesterday and a delighted Herr Abs (centre, in spectacles) after the auction. (Photographs: Suresh Karadia).

Frank Johnson in the Commons Welsh accent on Chinese missiles

Those of us unassuming metropolitans who sometimes have difficulty with such accents as the Welsh, yesterday understood Mr Roy Hughes, a Labour member from the principality, reveal that cruise missiles were coming in via Barry Docks for storage at Taiwan...

Jerusalem bomb kills four

Continued from page 1 renewed pressure today from Labour and from some of the Government's backbench supporters to withdraw the British contingent from the peacekeeping force in Lebanon...

was under consideration. To Mr Tim Sebastian, of BBC Television News, she said she had heard the rumour 'but there is no truth in the rumour at the moment'...

basic circumstances in Beirut (Rodney Cowton writes). Mr Heseltine, who is attending a meeting of the Nato Defence Planning Committee in Brussels, gave his account of recent developments to journalists after the severe criticism of the Government in the Commons on Monday...

EEC facing collapse after Athens fiasco

Continued from page 1 Andreas Papanastou, hoped for a happy outcome under the French presidency but if this failed, he added, 'then the end of the Community will be visible'...

guilty to sticking out for durable solutions. She poured scorn on the way 'some other countries had run away from the problems. All the others are takers, she said, and I do resent it very much when they talk about British demands. We are not making demands. We are giving notice that we cannot continue paying in as much as we pay now'...

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen meets with the officers of the Royal Tank Regiment at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 8. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother dines with the Benchers at the Middle Temple, 7.45.

guard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Sub Centre, Tynemouth, 2. The Princess of Wales visits the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Activities Centre, Bursledon, Southampton, 11; and in the evening as Patron of the Welsh National Opera, attends a performance of Carmen by the Welsh National Opera at the Dominion Theatre, London, 7.25.

atends the St John Gala Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel, 8.20. The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Royal Smithfield Club, attends the Annual General Meeting at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road entrance, 3.55.

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: A History of the Indian People, by D. P. Sinha (Methuen, £19.95). By Word of Mouth, Ellen Ghal Heston, by Anthony Seldon and Joanna Pappworth (Simon & Schuster, £11.95).

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Weather

The anticyclone over southern Britain will continue to drift southwards as troughs of low pressure cross northern areas. London, SE, central S England, Channel Islands: Dry, fog patches and mist early and late sunny periods; wind variable light temp 6-8C (43-46F).

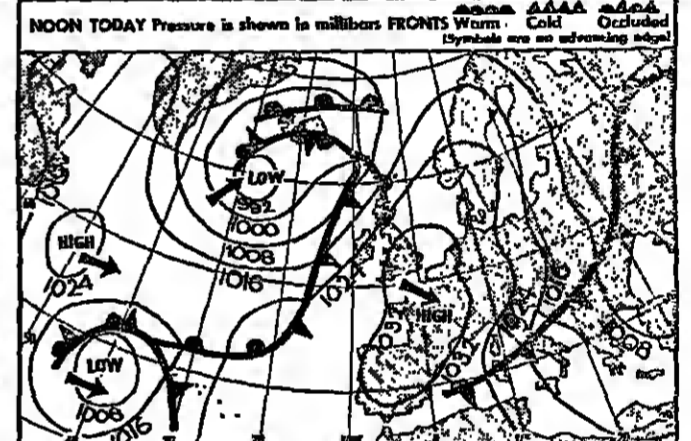


Table with 4 columns: Location, AM, HT, PM, NT. Lists high tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, Belfast, Cardiff, etc.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,303

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 26 squares wide and 10 squares high.

- ACROSS 1 Debar the film version - it's all black and white (4-8). 2 Fold (7). 3 Satisfying assembly for worship (7). 4 Embroideress caught by copier (5).

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £10,000: 11AZ 99812 (the winner lives in Harrogate); 11W 62345; £2,500: 12Z 475125 (Kensington and Chelsea); 8WT 748896 (Greenwich); 13WT 541301 (Cambridge).

Roads

Midlands: A1: Lane closures for roundabout construction at Colsterworth, Leics. A46: Lane closures Warwick bypass, Warwickshire, lane closures. A6: Traffic signals in Belper, Derbyshire. Wales and West: A361: Single-lane traffic with temporary signals in working hours on Wivelscombe to Barnstaple road, east of South Molton. A417: Delays and diversions on old A40, St Oswalds Road, Gloucester. A48: Lane closures east and west at raglan roundabout and Poriton Ferry roundabout on Port Talbot to Neath roads.

Anniversaries

Birth: Gian Lorenzo Bernini, sculptor, painter, Naples 1598; Will Cather, novelist, Winchester, 1873; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894. Death: Sir Peter Lely, portrait painter, London, 1680; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, London, 1834. Today is The Feast of St Andrew, (339-397), who was consecrated Bishop of Milan in 374. With Saints Jerome, Augustine and Gregory the Great, he is one of the four traditional Doctors of the Church. Colonel Algernon Sidney, the Republican, executed for his alleged complicity in the 'Rye House Plot', 1683. Pearl Harbour bombed by Japanese aircraft 1941.

The pound

Table with 3 columns: Bank, Bank, Bank. Lists exchange rates for various currencies like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, etc.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Town and Country Planning Bill second reading. Debate on EEC fisheries policy. Lords (2.30): Debate on ethnic and religious minorities.

The papers

Lebanon takes the headlines in the Washington Post, which says that the weekend's violence indicates that the Reagan Administration still has not found its way in that troubled place. 'It is unclear whether American Marines are there as peacekeepers or combatants and whether the United States is contributing to the problem or the solution', the paper comments.

Around Britain

Table with 4 columns: Sun Rain, Max, Min, Wind. Lists weather forecasts for various locations like Scarborough, Brighton, London, etc.

Abroad

Table with 4 columns: City, C, F, City, C, F. Lists weather forecasts for various international cities like Adelaide, Alexandria, Algiers, Amsterdam, Athens, etc.

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